

For the Children.

Jesus Blessing the Little Children.

I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How he called little children as lambs to his fold,
I should like to have been with them then.
I wish that his hands had been placed on my head,
That his arms had been thrown around me,
That I might have seen his kind look when he said,
"Let the little ones come unto me."
But still to his footstool in prayer I may go,
And ask for a share in his love;
And if I thus earnestly seek him below,
I shall see him and hear him above.
For that beautiful place he has gone to prepare
For all who are washed and forgiven,
And many dear children are gathering there
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.
But thousands and thousands who wander
And fall,
Never heard of that heavenly home;
I should like them to know there is room
For them all,
And that Jesus has bid them to come.
A long for the joy of that glorious time,
The sweetest and brightest and best!
When the dear little children of every clime
Shall crowd to his arms and be blessed.

DEAR CHILDREN: You have all, no doubt, read in the New Testament, how Christ loved little children. I will select a beautiful hymn, composed by Mrs. Luke, which tells us of his affection for the good little children if they love and obey Him. I am sure you will all like it. It is very nice to commit such beautiful hymns while you are young. You are not likely to forget them if you grow old. I hope you will all read these pretty lines and remember them. Perhaps at some period of your life, you may also write some pretty hymns. The men and women who wrote the good books and papers we now have, were at one time little boys and girls, just like you are now.

Your affectionate friend.

AUNT EMMA.

A Sharp Voice.

There is no no power of love so hard to get and keep as a kind voice. A kind hand is deaf and dumb. It may be rough in flesh and blood, yet do the work of a soft heart, and do it with a soft touch. But there is no one thing that love so much needs as a sweet voice to tell what it means and feels; and it is hard to get and keep it in the right tone. One must start in youth, and be on the watch night and day, at work and play, to get and keep a voice that shall speak at all times the thoughts of a kind heart.

But this is the time when a sharp voice is apt to be got. You often hear boys and girls say words at play with a sharp, quick tone, as if it were the snap of a whip. When one of them gets vexed, you will hear a voice that sounds as if it were made up of a snarl, a whine, and a bark. It is often in mirth that one gets a voice or tone that is sharp, and it sticks to him through life, and stirs up ill will and grief, and falls like a drop of gall on the sweet joys of home. Watch it day by day, as a pearl of great price, for it will be worth more to you in days to come than the best pearl hid in the sea. A

kind voice is to the heart what light is to the eye. It is a light that sings as well as shines. Train it to sweet tones now, and it will keep in tone through life.—LITTLE CHRISTIAN.

A Mother's Picture.

A poor woman lost her only daughter in the vicious whirlpool depths of London life. The girl left a pure home, to be drawn into the gulf of guilty misery and abandonment. The mother, with a breaking heart, went to Dr. Barnardo, and telling him the story, asked if he could do anything to help find the lost one. He said:

"Yes, I can; get your photograph taken, frame a good many copies, write under the picture, 'Come home,' and send it to me."

The doctor sent the photograph to the gin-palaces, dance-halls and other places which wretched outcasts are in the habit of frequenting, and got them hung in conspicuous places. One night the girl, with some companions in sin, as she entered one of these dens of iniquity, saw her mother's picture. Struck with astonishment, she looked closely at it, and saw the invitation, "Come home" written underneath. To whom was it addressed? To her? Yes. She saw by that token that she was forgiven, and that night she returned to her mother's arms just as she was.

This is God's loving cry to every wanderer—"Come home!" and there is a loving welcome, full of sweetest forgiveness, for all who cheerfully respond to it.—SEL.

How to Become Happy.

Many young persons are ever thinking over some new way of adding to their pleasures. They always look for chances for more "fun," more joy.

Once there was a wealthy and powerful king, full of care, and very unhappy. He heard of a man famed for his wisdom and piety, and found him in a cave on the borders of a wilderness.

"Holy man," said the king, "I came to learn how I may become happy."

Without making a reply, the wise man led the king over a rough path until he brought him to a high rock, on the top of which an eagle had built her nest.

"Why has the eagle built her nest yonder?"

"Doubtless," answered the king, "that it may be out of danger."

"Then imitate the bird," said the wise man. "Build thy home in heaven, and thou shalt have peace and happiness.—SELECTED.

Our Letter-Box.

DEAR EDITOR: I will begin my letter by saying: Mamma, brother

Walter and I attended the lovefeast at Mount Pleasant on the 21st of May. It was the first one I had ever attended since or before I joined the Brethren church; so it was all new to me. We had a very enjoyable communion. Bro. McFaden preached a good sermon. As he always does. I think I was the youngest sister there, being only thirteen years old, but I did not mind that. We went through Shepherdstown one of the oldest towns in West Virginia, then through Sharpsburg, past the cemetery, and we saw the great monument erected in honor of the soldiers who were killed in the battle of Antietam and other battles during the rebellion. It is carved out of white marble, and represents a soldier in full uniform standing and resting on his musket on a large base of marble about 10 or 12 feet square, but I do not know how high it is, but it can be seen for several miles; it is beautiful and life-like. And we saw the ravine where, it is said, that soldiers dead and dying with their horses lie in great heaps, their blood dyeing the clear waters of the Antietam; was it not awful? As we looked at white head stones marking their resting place, we hoped they were in a place where they rest forever. The scenery all along our road was beautiful, and a part of it romantic, as mountain scenery generally is. And now I will say good by to the editor, and the children of the Dew Drop club.

REBA SNADER.

Uvilla, West Virginia

DEAR EDITOR: I have been a reader of the EVANGELIST for some time, and I have read with especial interest the articles contained in the children's Department. Since I wrote my last letter, we have organized a union Sunday school at Oak Land school house, about a mile and a half north of this place; it is quite an interesting one; we have a good many scholars, and it is well attended every Sunday. We had a very cold and severe winter here, and I was glad when Spring came; we are now having fine weather, and the birds and flowers visit us again. There was only nine weeks of our spring school, and it closed the 15th of May.

ELMA ARMSTRONG.

Atwood, Ind., May 28th, 1885.

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Akron.....	3 11	11 50pm	11 43	7 15
Kent.....	3 35	12 45	12 10am	8 00
Ravenna.....	3 45		12 22	8 13
Leave:				
Leavittsburg.....	4 20		1 00am	9 00
Cleveland.....	6 30			
Youngstown.....	5 00		2 00	9 55
Pittsburgh.....	7 50		5 55	12 45pm
Warren Pk.....	4 32		1 12	9 15am
Greenville.....	5 37		2 30	10 27
Arrive:				
Meadville.....	6 30		3 25	11 25
Leave:				
Meadville.....	6 45		3 35	
Union City.....	7 30		4 37	12 40pm
Corry.....	7 58		5 00	1 15
Jamestown.....	8 47		5 57	2 12
Arrive:				
Salamanca.....	9 45		7 10	3 15
Buffalo.....			10 00am	5 45
Niagara Falls.....			11 34	8 13
Rochester.....			12 05pm	9 20
Elmira.....	1 47am		12 40	8 05
Binghamton.....	3 30am		2 15	10 05
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Leave:				
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Mansfield.....	8 35	9 00	2 30	7 10
Arrive:				
Chicago.....			7 50am	
Leave:				
Gallion.....	9 17	9 50pm	3 05	8
Marion.....	9 58	10 30	3 40	
Arrive:				
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Leave:				
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